

Let me also discuss another important provision in this tax bill, and that is the enhancement of the tip credit. I was recently approached about this issue by a chef and restaurant owner in my Congressional District, Sergio Abramof. Sergio owns two excellent restaurants: Sergio's in University Circle, and Sergio's Sarava at Shaker Square.

Fortunately, H.R. 976 will allow businesses to continue claiming the full tip credit despite an increase in the Federal minimum wage. That provision will assist workers and restaurants like those owned by Sergio, so I am very pleased that we are including it in this legislation.

H.R. 976 is fair, bipartisan legislation that will allow small businesses to continue to be an economic engine. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 976, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 360, noes 45, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 102]

AYES—360

Abercrombie	Camp (MI)	Dicks
Ackerman	Cantor	Dingell
Aderholt	Capito	Doggett
Alexander	Capps	Donnelly
Allen	Capuano	Doolittle
Altmire	Cardoza	Doyle
Andrews	Carnahan	Drake
Arcuri	Carney	Dreier
Baca	Carson	Duncan
Bachus	Carter	Edwards
Baker	Castle	Ehlers
Baldwin	Castor	Ellison
Barrow	Chabot	Ellsworth
Barton (TX)	Chandler	Emanuel
Bean	Clarke	Emerson
Becerra	Cole (OK)	Engel
Berkley	Cleaver	English (PA)
Berry	Clyburn	Eshoo
Biggert	Coble	Etheridge
Bilbray	Cohen	Fallin
Billirakis	Cole (OK)	Farr
Bishop (GA)	Conyers	Fattah
Bishop (NY)	Cooper	Ferguson
Blumenauer	Costa	Filner
Blunt	Courtney	Forbes
Boehner	Cramer	Fortenberry
Bonner	Crenshaw	Frank (MA)
Bono	Crowley	Frelinghuysen
Boozman	Cubin	Gerlach
Boren	Cuellar	Giffords
Boswell	Cummings	Gilchrest
Boucher	Davis (AL)	Gillibrand
Boyd (FL)	Davis (CA)	Gillmor
Boyd (KS)	Davis (IL)	Gohmert
Brady (PA)	Davis (KY)	Gonzalez
Brady (TX)	Davis, David	Goode
Braley (IA)	Davis, Lincoln	Goodlatte
Brown (SC)	Davis, Tom	Gordon
Brown, Corrine	DeGette	Granger
Brown-Waite,	Delahunt	Graves
Ginny	DeLauro	Green, Al
Buchanan	Dent	Grijalva
Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hall (NY)
Butterfield	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hall (TX)

Hare	McCaul (TX)	Ryan (WI)
Hastings (FL)	McCollum (MN)	Salazar
Hastings (WA)	McCrery	Sánchez, Linda
Hayes	McDermott	T.
Heller	McGovern	Sánchez, Loretta
Herger	McHugh	Sarbanes
Herseth	McIntyre	Saxton
Higgins	McKeon	Schakowsky
Hill	McMorris	Schiff
Hinchev	Rodgers	Schmidt
Hinojosa	McNerney	Schwartz
Hirono	McNulty	Scott (GA)
Hobson	Meehan	Scott (VA)
Hodes	Meek (FL)	Sensenbrenner
Holden	Meeks (NY)	Serrano
Holt	Melancon	Sessions
Honda	Mica	Sestak
Hooley	Michaud	Shays
Hoyer	Millender	Shea-Porter
Hunter	McDonald	Sherman
Inglis (SC)	Miller (MI)	Shimkus
Inslee	Miller, George	Shuler
Israel	Mitchell	Shuster
Issa	Mollohan	Simpson
Jackson (IL)	Moore (KS)	Sires
Jackson-Lee	Moore (WI)	Skelton
(TX)	Moran (KS)	Slaughter
Jefferson	Moran (VA)	Smith (NE)
Jindal	Murphy (CT)	Smith (NJ)
Johnson (GA)	Murphy, Patrick	Smith (WA)
Johnson (IL)	Murphy, Tim	Snyder
Johnson, E. B.	Murtha	Solis
Johnson, Sam	Myrick	Souder
Jones (NC)	Napolitano	Space
Jones (OH)	Neal (MA)	Spratt
Kagen	Nunes	Stearns
Kanjorski	Oberstar	Stupak
Kaptur	Obey	Sutton
Keller	Oliver	Tanner
Kennedy	Ortiz	Tauscher
Kildee	Pallone	Taylor
Kilpatrick	Pascarella	Terry
Kind	Pastor	Thompson (CA)
King (NY)	Paul	Thompson (MS)
Kirk	Payne	Tiahrt
Klein (FL)	Perlmutter	Tiberi
Kline (MN)	Peterson (MN)	Tierney
Knollenberg	Peterson (PA)	Towns
Kucinich	Petri	Turner
Kuhl (NY)	Pickering	Udall (CO)
Lampson	Pitts	Upton
Langevin	Platts	Van Hollen
Lantos	Pomeroy	Velázquez
Larsen (WA)	Porter	Visclosky
Larson (CT)	Price (NC)	Walberg
LaTourette	Pryce (OH)	Walden (OR)
Lee	Putnam	Walsh (NY)
Levin	Rahall	Walz (MN)
Lewis (CA)	Ramstad	Wasserman
Lewis (GA)	Rangel	Schultz
Lewis (KY)	Regula	Watson
Linder	Rehberg	Watt
Lipinski	Reichert	Waxman
Loeb sack	Renzi	Weiner
Lofgren, Zoe	Reyes	Welch (VT)
Lucas	Reynolds	Weller
Lungren, Daniel	Rodriguez	Wexler
E.	Rogers (AL)	Whitfield
Lynch	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (NM)
Mahoney (FL)	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (OH)
Maloney (NY)	Rohrabacher	Wolf
Manzullo	Ros-Lehtinen	Woolsey
Marchant	Roskam	Wu
Markey	Ross	Wynn
Marshall	Rothman	Yarmuth
Matheson	Roybal-Allard	Young (AK)
Matsui	Ruppersberger	Young (FL)
McCarthy (CA)	Rush	
McCarthy (NY)	Ryan (OH)	

NOES—45

Akin	Foxx	Neugebauer
Bachmann	Franks (AZ)	Pearce
Barrett (SC)	Garrett (NJ)	Poe
Barlett (MD)	Gingrey	Price (GA)
Bishop (UT)	Hensarling	Radanovich
Blackburn	Hoekstra	Royce
Burgess	Jordan	Sali
Buyer	King (IA)	Shadegg
Campbell (CA)	Kingston	Sullivan
Cannon	Lamborn	Tancredo
Conaway	Mack	Thornberry
Culberson	McCotter	Wamp
Deal (GA)	McHenry	Weldon (FL)
Feeney	Miller (FL)	Westmoreland
Fossella	Musgrave	Wilson (SC)

NOT VOTING—28

Baird	Green, Gene	Miller, Gary
Berman	Gutierrez	Nadler
Boustany	Harman	Pence
Calvert	Hastert	Smith (TX)
Costello	Hulshof	Stark
Davis, Jo Ann	LaHood	Udall (NM)
DeFazio	Latham	Waters
Everett	LoBiondo	Wicker
Flake	Lowe	
Gallegly	Miller (NC)	

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Mr. CRENSHAW and Mr. SHUSTER changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal leave of absence, I was unable to vote on passage of the Small Business Tax Relief Act, H.R. 976, rollcall vote No. 102. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present in the House Chamber for votes on February 16, 2007, as I was attending the funeral services of my wife's father, who succumbed to his long battle with cancer. If I were present for votes on this day, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 99, "nay" on rollcall No. 100, "nay" on rollcall No. 101, and "yea" on rollcall No. 102.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family medical emergency, I regrettably missed rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 100: "yea."

Rollcall No. 101: "aye."

Rollcall No. 102: "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, due to the funeral of a family member, I was unable to be present today for votes. I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on final passage of H. Con. Res. 63, disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq (Rollcall vote 99). Had I been present, I also would have voted "aye" on H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes (Rollcall vote 102).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcalls No. 100, Previous Question the Rule on H.R. 976, No. 101, the Rule on H.R. 976, and No. 102, Final passage of H.R. 976, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members